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ANSWER TO QUESTIONS IN REFTEL ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. PROJECT IS NOT OFFICIALLY TERMINATED BUT AFTER
SEPTEMBER 30 THERE ARE NO FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR THE
PROJECT, AND IT DOES NOT APPEAR CONGRESS WILL AUTHORIZE
FUNDS TO COMPLETE INS PROJECT AT THIS TIME.

B. DOE CERTAINLY WILLING TO DISCUSS THE TRITIUM SYSTEMS
TEST ASSEMBLY (TSTA) AT LASL OR THE FMIT AT HANFORD AS
ALTERNATE TO INS PROJECT. SECURITY CONCERNS SHOULD NOT
BE AN IMPEDIMENT TO INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION FOR TSTA
OR FMIT. TSTA SHOULD BE IN OPERATION 1981 OR 1982.
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FMIT'S STATUS IS NOT AS CERTAIN AS TSTA. BECAUSE OF
RECENT EXPERIENCE WITH INS NO AGREEMENT FOR FMIT SHOULD BE
SIGNED UNTIL CONGRESS HAS GIVEN FULL AUTHORIZATION FOR
FMIT, WHICH MAY NOT BE UNTIL FALL.

C. PARTICIPANTS FOR TSTA WOULD BE SPECIALISTS IN
CHEMICAL ENGINEERING, CRYOGENICS, THERMODYNAMICS,

MATERIALS, VACUUM SYSTEMS AND ENVIRONMENT AND SAFETY;
FOR FMIT, SPECIALISTS IN ACCELERATOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION, DOSIMETRY, DAMAGE ANALYSIS, VACUUM SYSTEMS AND FLUID DYNAMICS.

D. WE ARE INTERESTED IN MAINTAINING COOPERATION THROUGH THE BEST AND FASTEST MEANS AVAILABLE. HOWEVER, BEFORE LETTERS ARE EXCHANGED OR AN AGREEMENT IS DRAFTED, WE NEED TO BE MORE CERTAIN ON THE FUTURE OF FMIT BEFORE COMMITTING OURSELVES.

E. WE WOULD ENCOURAGE A MEETING OF THE IEA FPCC AFTER THE SUMMER, FOR BY THEN WE SHOULD HAVE CLEARER UNDERSTANDING OF THE FUTURE OF FMIT. THESE TOPICS CAN BE DISCUSSED MORE FULLY AT THE IFRC MEETING IN MAY.

FYI -- LASL: LOS ALAMOS SCIENTIFIC LABORATORY; FMIT: FUSION MATERIALS IRRADIATION TEST FACILITY; FPCC: FUSION POWER COORDINATING COMMITTEE. VANCE

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